

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

**Listing of Claims:**

## 1. (Currently Amended)

A drag-reducing agent containing

## a) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula



where R<sub>1</sub> is acyl group with 12-16 carbon atoms, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are independently of each other an alkyl group of 1-4 carbon atoms or an hydroxyalkyl group of 2-4 carbon atoms and R<sub>5</sub> is an alkylene group of 1-4 carbon atoms, preferably  $\text{CH}_2$  or a group



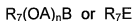
where R<sub>6</sub> is an alkyl group of 1-3 carbon atoms,

## b) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula



where R<sub>2</sub> is an acyl group with 18-22 carbon atoms, and R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> have the meanings mentioned above, and

## c) an anionic surfactant of the formulae



or a mixture thereof, where  $R_7$  is an aliphatic group of 8-14 carbon atoms, A is an alkylene group having 2-4 carbon atoms, n is a number from 1 to 10, B is a sulphate group  $OSO_3M$ , E is a sulphate group  $OSO_3M$  or a sulphonate group  $-SO_3M$  and M is a cationic, preferably monovalent group;

the weight of a), b) and c) being 20-95% by weight, 10-70% by weight and 1-50% by weight, respectively, based on the total amount of a), b) and c);

~~in an amount of a), b) and c) of 50-400 ppm in water, said water having an electrolyte content from 0.01-7% by weight.~~

2. (Previously Presented)

The drag reducing agent claim 1, wherein the component a) is present in an amount of 20-85% by weight.

3. (Previously Presented)

The drag reducing agent of claim 1 wherein  $R_2$  contains at least 50% by weight of unsaturated acyl groups.

4. (Previously Presented)

The drag reducing agent of claim 3, wherein  $R_2$  contains at least 20% by weight of unsaturated acyl groups having two or more double bonds.

5. (Previously Presented)

The drag reducing agent of claim 1, wherein c) is lauryl sulphate, a lauryl (oxyethylene)<sub>n</sub> sulphate, where n is 1-3, or lauryl sulphonate.

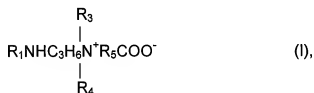
6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended)

Injection water for the treatment of oil reservoirs, wherein said water contains a drag reducing agent comprising:

a) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula

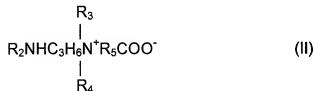


where R<sub>1</sub> is acyl group with 12-16 carbon atoms, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are independently of each other an alkyl group of 1-4 carbon atoms or an hydroxyalkyl group of 2-4 carbon atoms and R<sub>5</sub> is an alkylene group of 1-4 carbon atoms, preferably CH<sub>2</sub> or a group



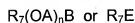
where R<sub>6</sub> is an alkyl group of 1-3 carbon atoms,

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where R<sub>2</sub> is an acyl group with 18-22 carbon atoms, and R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> have the meanings mentioned above, and

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or a mixture thereof, where  $R_7$  is an aliphatic group of 8-14 carbon atoms, A is an alkylene group having 2-4 carbon atoms, n is a number from 1 to 10, B is a sulphate group  $\text{OSO}_3\text{M}$ , E is a sulphate group  $\text{OSO}_3\text{M}$  or a sulphonate group  $-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$  and M is a cationic, preferably monovalent group;

wherein the total amount of the components a), b) and c) is from 50-400 ppm and said water in the absence of said drag reducing agent has an electrolyte content of 0.01-7% by weight.

9. (Previously Presented)

Injection water according to claim 8, wherein said water contains electrolytes in an amount of 0.3-6% by weight.

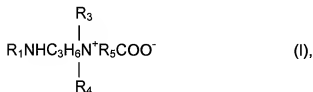
10. (Previously Presented)

Injection water according to claim 8 wherein the water is sea-water or production water.

11. (Currently Amended)

A new method of reducing drag in waters containing electrolytes which comprises adding to said waters containing said electrolytes at least one drag-reducing agent containing

a) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula

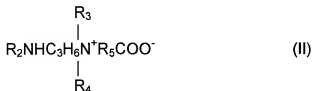


where  $R_1$  is acyl group with 12-16 carbon atoms,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are independently of each other an alkyl group of 1-4 carbon atoms or an hydroxyalkyl group of 2-4 carbon atoms and  $R_5$  is an alkylene group of 1-4 carbon atoms, preferably  $\text{CH}_2$  or a group



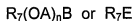
where  $\text{R}_6$  is an alkyl group of 1-3 carbon atoms,

b) a zwitterionic surfactant of the formula



where  $\text{R}_2$  is an acyl group with 18-22 carbon atoms, and  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$  and  $\text{R}_5$  have the meanings mentioned above, and

c) an anionic surfactant of the formulae



or a mixture thereof, where  $\text{R}_7$  is an aliphatic group of 8-14 carbon atoms, A is an alkylene group having 2-4 carbon atoms, n is a number from 1 to 10, B is a sulphate group  $\text{OSO}_3\text{M}$ , E is a sulphate group  $\text{OSO}_3\text{M}$  or a sulphonate group  $-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$  and M is a cationic, preferably monovalent group;

the weight of a), b) and c) being 20-95% by weight, 0-70% by weight and 1-50% by weight, respectively, based on the total amount of a), b) and c);

in an amount of a), b) and c) of 50-400 ppm wherein said waters containing said electrolytes have an electrolyte content from 0.01-7% by weight.

## 12. (Previously Presented)

The new method of claim 11, wherein the component a) and b) are present in an amount of 20-85% by weight and 10-70% by weight, respectively.

## 13. (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 11 wherein  $R_2$  contains at least 50% by weight of unsaturated acyl groups.

## 14. (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 11 wherein  $R_2$  contains at least 20% by weight of unsaturated acyl groups having two or more double bonds.

## 15. (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 11 wherein c) is lauryl sulphate, a lauryl (oxyethylene)<sub>n</sub> sulphate, where n is 1-3, or lauryl sulphonate.

## 16. (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 11 wherein the water has an electrolyte content of 0.3-6% by weight.

## 17. (Previously Presented)

Injection water according to claim 8 wherein the weights of components a), b) and c) are 20-95% by weight, 0-70% by weight and 1-50% by weight, respectively, based on the total amount of a), b) and c).

## 18. (Previously Presented)

Injection water according to claim 8, wherein the component a) and b) are present in an amount of 20-85% by weight and 10-70% by weight, respectively.

## 19. (New)

The drag reducing agent claim 1, wherein  $R_5$  is  $CH_2$ .

20. (New)

Injection water according to claim 8, wherein  $R_5$  is  $CH_2$ .

21. (New)

The method of claim 11, wherein  $R_5$  is  $CH_2$ .